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Dear Sir:

In response to our telephonic interview on January 7, 2002 concerning a Restriction of Invention Requirement, I have in contact with our client and our client selects the invention of claims 1-6 and 13 which are drawn to the method.

Most likely we will file a divisional application on the other claims 7-12 and 14 which are drawn to the apparatus.

Thank you very much for calling me on this matter so that prosecution on this application can move forward a little faster.

Respectfully submitted,

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